

*Davis to succeed Sarah Benzing as top aide to Braley*

**Washington, DC** - Rep. Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) today announced that Iowa native John Davis will serve as his chief of staff. Davis succeeds Neola, Iowa, native Sarah Benzing, who left Braley's office in August to serve as campaign manager for Senator Kirstin Gillibrand's (D-NY) election bid.

Davis has deep Iowa roots. He grew up in Johnston, Iowa, and graduated from Johnston High School before earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. His mother's family first settled in Pella, Iowa, in 1848, and Davis' father is from Des Moines.

Davis also brings a wealth of government and policy experience to Braley's office. Davis most recently served as deputy chief of staff to Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), and he's served as chief of staff to House Rules Committee Chairwoman Louise Slaughter (D-NY). Davis has also worked on Iowa Rep. Leonard Boswell's legislative team and he worked as Boswell's reelection campaign manager in 2004.

"I'm proud to announce that John Davis will serve as my chief of staff," Braley said. "John's policy experience and deep Iowa roots will be an asset for my office and the people I represent. There are few people as qualified as John to manage a responsive Congressional office. I look forward to working with him to get things done for Iowa."

"I'm thrilled to return home to Iowa to work for Congressman Braley," Davis said. "Congressman Braley has built a reputation as a hard worker who gets things done regardless of party lines, and I'm excited to join his great team."